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COUNTRY EAST GERMANY			
SUBJECT REACTIONS TO EVENTS IN POLAND AND HUNGARY			
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THE LIAISON OFFICER BETWEEN ZEITZ AND THE MFS ADMINISTRATION FOR BEZIRK HALLE WAS SUMMONED TO BERLIN ON 23 OCTOBER 1956 FOR A CONFERENCE ON THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE POLISH SITUATION FOR THE SECURITY OF THE EAST GERMAN GOVERNMENT. ON 24 OCTOBER LEADING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MFS FROM BEZIRK HALLE JOINED THE CONFERENCE.

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2.

ALL BRIDGES AND RAILROAD OVERPASSES IN THE DRESDEN AREA WERE GUARDED BY THE POLICE, WITH TWO MEN USUALLY STATIONED AT EACH END. ALSO ONE POLICEMAN WAS STATIONED AS A GUARD FOR EACH TELEPHONE POLE ALONG THE LINE FROM DRESDEN TO KLOTZSCHE, WHICH IS THOUGHT TO BE A SOVIET MILITARY LINE. THE MEMBERS OF THE THE RETRIERSKAMPFGRUPPE AT VEU TRARO IN DRESDEN, CONSISTING OF 300 TRUSTED COMMUNISTS, HAVE NOT BEEN WORKING FOR THE LAST

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WEEK OR SO; THEY ARE ON STAND-BY ALERT, AND ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT ARMED AT PRESENT THEY ARE ALLEGEDLY READY TO GO INTO ACTION. THE POLICE ARE ARMED WITH SUBMACHINE GUNS. THERE IS A VIRTUAL NEWS BLACK-OUT IN THE ENTIRE DRESDEN AREA, AND THE POPULACE IS UNAWARE OF THE TRUE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE SOVIET BLOC; THE INACCURATE REMORS WHICH ARE CIRCULATING ARE UNDERSTATEMENTS, IN MOST CASES.

3. WORKERS AT THE LEUNA WORKS AND SOFT-COAL MINERS IN THE ZEITZ AREA ARE EAGERLY FOLLOWING THE NEWS FROM POLAND AND HUNGARY, WHICH THEY OBTAIN CHIEFLY FROM RIAS. THE HUNGARIAN UPRISING IS DISCUSSED FRANKLY AND OPENLY IN FACTORIES, STORES, AND TRAINS. THERE IS A GENERALLY EXPRESSED WISH FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE REBELS; THE OPINION IS FREQUENTLY HEARD THAT IF THE HUNGARIANS SUCCEED IN DRIVING THE RUSSIANS OUT, PERHAPS EAST GERMANY WILL BE NEXT.

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